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ORDINANCE NO. 2016-23

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF OHIOCHECKBOOK.COM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OHIO TREASURER TO ADVANCE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, the City and its elected officers serve as stewards of the City's citizens' tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, an open and transparent government benefits local taxpayers, elected officials, and the public at-large; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Treasurer's office has created OhioCheckbook.com for the purpose of displaying government finances in a searchable format available at the fingertips of taxpayers across Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the City and its elected officers value a transparent and open government and therefore commit to partnering with the Ohio Treasurer's office to place the City's checkbook expenditures on OhioCheckbook.com and will strive to maintain this data online in the future for all constituents to see.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. The Council authorizes the City to provide checkbook level expenditure information, in an electronic format prescribed by and in partnership with the Ohio Treasurer's office, for posting on the transparency website OhioCheckbook.com to ensure citizens may readily access how their tax dollars are spent.

SECTION 2. The Finance Director is hereby directed to work purposefully, efficiently and resolutely with the Ohio Treasurer's office to provide said financial data in order to advance open and transparent government.

SECTION 3. The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were conducted in lawful meetings of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

PASSED: May 12, 2016

Nancy E. Fellows
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President of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval
on this 12 day of May, 2016

Approved by the Mayor

ATTEST:

Victoria Ann Savage, CMC
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Clerk of Council

May 12, 2016
Robert M. Weger
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Mayor